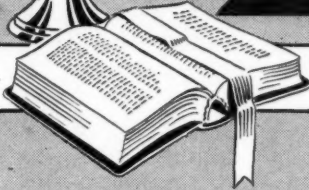


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**NOTICES**

The National Youth Committee will be meeting in Cleveland, Tenn., beginning September 8 at 7:30 p.m. Among the many important items to be considered will be "Rules for awarding the National Banner and the outlining of our general Youth Program for next year." We urge every minister and layman who is interested in the salvation of our young people to send us any suggestions for the promotion of the youth enterprise.

**THE BIBLE**

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book."—Abraham Lincoln.

**NOTICE**

Virginia camp meeting and convention will convene in Pulaski, Virginia, August 28-September 7, on circus ground, one block north of local church, under big gospel tent. Come and be with us during this spiritual convocation.—D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer.



from the  
**GENERAL OVERSEER'S DESK**

Our elderly Brother S. T. Seamans wrote me of the Maine Convention, a part of which I was privileged to attend, and I quote from his good letter:

"We returned from Appleton yesterday. It was a most wonderful convention all the way through. The Spirit was present all the time. Seventeen received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, twenty were saved, twenty-seven baptized in water, and many healed, with two being taken into the Church. And, it was finished wholly without any friction."

We do thank God for blessing so greatly, and pray that the Lord will bless greatly all the rest of the conventions that yet are to come. I want, in the near future, to give you a write-up in this column of the conventions I have attended.

I have received a nice letter from Brother W. H. Godwin, overseer of Minnesota and Wisconsin, in which he reports that in the State of Minnesota several tent revivals are being conducted. There is a tent in Herman, Minnesota, where Brother Paul Sexton is pastor, and a tent in the large city of Minneapolis, with Brothers Leigh and Rogers in charge.

We praise the Lord for the efforts that are being made to start new works in that section of the United States. Brother Godwin also reports that Brother H. A. Bober, pastor at Mosinee, Wisconsin, has just closed a revival, with Brother W. P. Morneau as evangelist, and that the saints there were blessed and edified. We are happy for this success.

**COVER PICTURE**

Are you one of those who sit by, looking at the sea, wishing for their ships to come in? Remember, only those who launch a ship may expect a ship to return. Don't sit with folded hands in wishful thinking, planning only to receive a ship. You must set one to sail. Laden life's ship well with definite plans and cargo commercially valued as gold. Then wherever your ship shall port, you'll have no fear but that it will return to bless your living soul.



**BESIDE THE SILENT SEA**

*I know not what the future hath  
Of marvel or surprise,  
Assured alone that life and death  
His mercy underlies.*

*And so beside the silent sea  
I wait the muffled oar;  
No harm from Him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.*

*I know not where His islands lift  
Their fronted palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care.*

*And thou, O Lord, by whom are seen  
Thy creatures as they be,  
Forgive me if too close I lean  
My human heart on Thee.*

—Selected.

**STATE CONVENTIONS, 1947**

Ohio, August 7-17, Methodist Campground, near Lancaster.

Idaho, August 10-24, Lewiston.

Mississippi, August 14-17, Hattiesburg.

Georgia, August 21-31, Campground, near Atlanta.

Oklahoma, August 17-26, Shawnee.

Oregon, August 24-September 4, Portland.

Louisiana, August 22-24, Monroe.

Virginia, August 28-September 7, Pulaski.

**OBITUARY  
COLEMAN**

Little Sylvia Jean Coleman was born July 1, 1947, and went to be with Jesus July 10. Pray for the bereaved parents.—Her aunt, Oma Lee Patterson, Starkville, Miss.

# Here and There in STATE CONVENTIONS

By Rev. H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer

Brother R. R. Walker and I motored to Jacksonville, Florida, during the first part of May to attend the Bishops' Council of the Church of God among the colored people. When we arrived, they were busy at work, and we joined in, helping them with measures for the promotion and better organization of their work.

Their General Assembly followed the Bishops' Council, and their zeal and fervor gained in momentum as the services passed by. The unity that prevailed among them and the sincerity of their devotions leads one to believe that the gains in their work will show up well in the next report. The reports showed a nice gain in membership for the past year. Brother W. L. Ford seemed to have the co-operation and respect of the people as their General Overseer.

Our next convention was in Wapato, Washington. Brother Lemuel Johnson, the state overseer, seemed to have the work at heart, and there was a good spirit prevailing in the convention. The convention date was set early this year so as to dodge the cherry picking; but the cherries moved up about two weeks, so it was cherry picking time in Yakima Valley, and did I enjoy those tasty, large, dark red cherries. There are some fine people in this section of the country who love the Lord. Fine people and a good spirit make a good convention. More good workers is the need in this great country. We enjoyed being in the convention and meeting more people who know and love the Church of God.

From here, through the mountains, over the hills and across the plains, we arrived at the Texas state camp meeting and convention where it was running in high gear, and the Lord was blessing all that they would let Him. Brother Kerce, the state overseer, in his solid way as moderator; Brother Summers, the state youth director, in his untiring efforts to assist in every way; Brother Vep Ellis, host pastor, with his accordion and singing; Brother Paulk with his preach-

ing clothes on; and the good people of Texas cooperating, were all making a fine team to put on a good camp meeting, and they were doing that very thing.

The gains for the State showed up well in the reports. Brother Kerce and Brother Summers have the respect of the ministry and laity, and the co-operation was splendid; so respect, cooperation, and hard work, coupled with vision, means success.

The children's church was one of the most outstanding features of the meeting. There were twenty of the children saved and that is something to be appreciated. That is Texas, with its wide extended plains, and far-reaches, plenty of beefsteak and some peaches!

From here we went to Florida to the great state camp meeting that stands out above all other camp meetings in the Church of God. For many years this holy convocation has drawn the attention of Church of God people almost throughout the United States, and from some of the foreign sections as well. Florida has been noted for her loyalty to the Church and its program in every department.

A great throng of people attended this meeting where there was great preaching, praying, singing, shouting, and a wonderful spirit of fellowship.

Brother W. E. Johnson, in his good, easy way of moderating, seemed to hold the confidence of the ministry and laity. Many good reports were given of new churches organized, buildings built and bought, and new members added to the church; and, last but not least, the Willing Workers reported \$37,000 raised by their group for the promotion of the Church in Florida. Well, the old home state is hard to beat. Great preaching, best of singing, large crowds, great fellowship, good cooperation, plenty of help to get the job done!

The next place, we follow the advice given by one when he said, "Go west, young man, go west." When we arrived in Carlsbad, New Mexico, we



Rev. H. L. Chesser

found the meeting in full swing. Ray Hughes was wearing his preaching clothes, and was doing the preaching at the night services. God was blessing.

Brother Bascom Stanley is a new man at this job, this being his first year as State Overseer, but he was getting along fine. The reports showed 25 per cent gain in membership, and a fine gain in mission offering and other phases of the work as well. This is a small state, or I should say the Church work is small, but they are growing and have some fine people who love the Church and are working to put its program over. Down the New Mexico way, remember when you pray, the Church of God is there to stay.

From here we go farther west, on to California. After leaving El Paso, traveling faster than five miles per minute and nearly four miles high, on a D-C 6, we were soon gazing on the beautiful Pacific Coast at Los Angeles, and beholding that great city as we circled overhead, only to have our happiness marred when the passengers were told by the stewardess that the landing gear had jammed and they were having difficulty in getting it down. After about twenty or twenty-five minutes we were safely landed, for which we did thank the Lord. When we arrived at Madera in the San Joaquin Valley, the next day, the camp meeting and convention was going good, and a fine spirit prevailing, good unity and fellowship,

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# EDITORIALS . . .

## COMMUNISM

(Continued from last week)

"At first the Communists denied paternity for the AYD, but in April of 1946, the party's national board indicated that the AYD was the successor to the YCL. William Z. Foster, the Communist Party head, at the AYD national intercollegiate conference in New York City in 1945, told the delegates in the concluding session that, 'The atomic age is the age of socialism, of communism. This is the greatest lesson that the youth of America has to learn.' This new front set up youth centers ostensibly to combat juvenile delinquency. More properly, these centers could be termed Communist youth recruiting centers.

"The test of a front organization: I feel that this committee could render a great service to the Nation through its power of exposure in quickly spotlighting existing front organizations and those which will be created in the future.

"There are easy tests to establish the real character of such organizations:

"1. Does the group espouse the cause of Americanism or the cause of Soviet Russia?

"2. Does the organization feature as speakers at its meetings known Communists, sympathizers, or fellow travelers?

"3. Does the organization shift when the party line shifts?

"4. Does the organization sponsor causes, campaigns, literature, petitions, or other activities sponsored by the party or other front organizations?

"5. Is the organization used as a sounding board by or is it endorsed by Communist controlled labor unions?

"6. Does its literature follow the Communist line or is it printed by the Communist press?

"7. Does the organization receive consistent favorable mention in Communist publications?

"8. Does the organization present itself to be nonpartisan yet engage in political activities and consistently advocate causes favored by the Communists?

"9. Does the organization denounce American and British foreign policy while always lauding Soviet policy?

"10. Does the organization utilize Communist 'double talk' by referring to Soviet-dominated countries as democracies, complaining that the United States is imperialistic and constantly denouncing monopoly-capital?

"11. Have outstanding leaders in public life openly renounced affiliation with the organization?

"12. Does the organization, if espousing liberal progressive causes, attract well-known, honest, patriotic liberals, or does it denounce well-known liberals?

"13. Does the organization have a consistent record of supporting the American viewpoint over the years?

"14. Does the organization consider matters not directly related to its avowed purposes and objectives?

"National defense: The Communist Party of the United States is a fifth column if there ever was one. It is far better organized than were the Nazis in occupied countries prior to their capitulation.

"They are seeking to weaken America just as they did in their era of obstruction when they were aligned with the Nazis. Their goal is the overthrow of our Government.

"There is no doubt as to where a real Communist's loyalty

rests. His allegiance is to Russia, not the United States.

"A top functionary of the Communist Party recently said:

"'A war by the United States against the U.S.S.R. would be an unjust war, which is why it must be fought against, but that if it should come, the Communist Party in the United States would be with Russia, and make no mistake about that.'

"In another section of the country another Communist leader made the following statement:

"'I believe that everyone should know that we are for Russia and, if need be, we will die for the cause. I don't mean that war with Russia is coming soon; I hope not, so that Russia will be better prepared.'

"What to do: What can we do? And what should be our course of action? The best antidote to communism is vigorous, intelligent, old-fashioned Americanism with eternal vigilance. I do not favor any course of action which would give the Communists cause to portray and pity themselves as martyrs. I do favor unrelenting prosecution wherever they are found to be violating our country's laws.

"As Americans, our most effective defense is a workable democracy that guarantees and preserves our cherished freedoms.

"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists. I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby Communists and fellow travelers, under the guise of academic freedom, can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home, that undermines faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority and sabotage our revered Constitution.

"I do fear so long as American labor groups are infiltrated, dominated or saturated with the virus of communism. I do fear the palliation and weasel-worded gestures against communism indulged in by some of our labor leaders who should know better but who have become pawns in the hands of sinister but astute manipulations for the Communist cause.

"I fear for ignorance on the part of all our people who may take the poisonous pills of Communist propaganda.

"I am deeply concerned whenever I think of the words of an old-time Communist. Disillusioned, disgusted, and frightened, he came to us with his story and concluded:

"'God help America or any other country if the Communist Party ever gets strong enough to control labor and politics. God help us all!'

"The Communists have been, still are, and always will be a menace to freedom, to democratic ideals, to the worship of God and to America's way of life.

"I feel that once public opinion is thoroughly aroused as it is today, the fight against communism is well on its way. Victory will be assured once Communists are identified and exposed, because the public will take the first step

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# BIBLE GLINTS <sup>and</sup> Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



## SPECIAL—LARGE GREENVILLE CHURCH BURNS— WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Word has just come over the wires of the tragic loss of our \$200,000 church plant in Greenville, South Carolina. We did not learn the cause, but our sympathy goes out to those precious people who, after years of faithful and untiring labor and personal sacrifice, witnessed the splendid fruits of their efforts go up in flames at three o'clock this morning. With our sympathy goes the admiration that springs to meet undaunted spirits, as plans go forward for the entire congregation of 700 to worship next Sunday. The maximum insurance, which covered only about one-fourth the actual loss, was carried on the building. Countless thousands have thrilled to the reports of progress in this great church and Sunday School, which time after time has set new goals which challenged the entire Nation. Thousands will also regret the loss of this modern plant, which was a compliment to the beautiful city of Greenville, and to the Church of God in general. The indomitable pastor is at this moment drafting plans for a tremendous building campaign, to begin at the earliest possible date, and the entire congregation and city will cooperate in this enterprise of a people who plan, hope, and work through seeming defeat to certain victory. It is a time for our sympathy, and a time when our sympathy should be put into action. The Publishing House is rushing all literature and helps available to meet the literary needs for the Sunday School. The pastor, Rev. Earl P. Paulk, states that neither he nor his congregation is discouraged, but they look forward to a great new building crusade. Brother Paulk states that "by the help and grace of God, we hope the glory of this latter house will be greater than of the former." To such purpose and faith, success can be the only answer.

## MARYLAND CAMP MEETING

Last Friday night, Brother O. C. Crank, overseer of Maryland, Delaware, and eastern Virginia, called, saying that they were now in the midst of the greatest camp meeting in all the history of Maryland. This is what the ministers and people who have been attending there for years say. The altar was still filled and many were thoroughly consecrating themselves for a definite work of God. Many had been blessed of God. They had lost count of those experiences received, but there had been many. May God abundantly bless the good old camp meetings throughout our land.

Yesterday, I was guest speaker at the annual camp meeting of the Congregational Holiness Church. (Incidentally they are Pentecostal. They separated from the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1921. Rev. B. L. Cox is General Moderator.) Their lovely camp is located near Cleveland, Ga. There were possibly 3,000 persons in attendance yesterday. God is blessing, numbers are praying through. God gave us a gracious service there Sunday evening, with several in

the altar. One precious man and his wife, who had just a week before been gloriously saved, were in the altar for a deeper experience. They had been running a modern roadhouse, in full fashion; but when God drew him under the tent, he decided to go all the way with God, and asked the evangelist if he would mind going with him on an errand. It was then near midnight Saturday. The evangelist went and assisted him in destroying the liquors. This brother said he didn't want to return them to the dealer, nor give them to anyone, therefore they found a nice rock and one after another they threw the 336 bottles of beer and four bottles of whiskey against the rock and watched them smash. God, give more revivals with such results! Launch your tents where you can reach them. This revival meeting was very near this roadhouse—just close enough to God and the devil's den to make the proper contact with heavenly results.

## COMMUNISM

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of quarantining them so they can do no harm. Communism, in reality, is not a political party. It is a way of life—an evil and malignant way of life. It reveals a condition akin to disease that spreads like an epidemic, and, like an epidemic, a quarantine is necessary to keep it from infecting the Nation."

Mr. Mundt: "I am going to ask you—I am not going to ask you to comment on that, but I want to make an observation in that connection and say that it is unfortunate, but I think demonstrable and true that the Communists have been successful, at least in the latter part of their goal, in keeping out of the American films anything that is anti-Communist. We have had too many examples of pro-Communist films, such as the Mission to Moscow."

Mr. Hoover: "That was a prostitution of historical fact."

Mr. Mundt: "That is correct. One other statement, Mr. Hoover. On page 14, you state the Attorney General has ruled that a number of organizations, in addition to the Communist party, are subversive. I know that is correct and we know the identity of those organizations, but I think it would be helpful for the record and in connection with the new program under the President's directive of last Saturday if you would supply the committee with an official letter in which you list those organizations so that they will be incorporated in this part of the testimony today."

Mr. Hoover: "I will be very glad to make that request of the Attorney General. It will have to come from his office."

Mr. Bonner: "Mr. Hoover, I am very proud of your record. I admire you personally as a man, and I appreciate the great service you have rendered and are rendering this country."

Mr. Hoover: "Thank you very much, Mr. Congressman."

The Chairman: "Mr. Hoover, we deeply appreciate your coming here today, and we certainly hope that it hasn't interfered with your work."

# Tongues Hard To Be Understood

By L. L. Beasley

It is true that there are tongues hard to be understood, but the tongues I can't understand are wild tongues (untamed), full of deadly poison.

The Bible says, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: So is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil full of deadly poison," James 3:5-8. If dangerous snakes and vicious beasts can be, and have been tamed, I think human beings, made in the image of God and for His glory, and who can have wisdom and Biblical knowledge and understanding, ought to at least control their tongues and let their conversations be godly and acceptable. Unruly tongues are poison to the souls of those who let them utter swelling words of cursing, swearing, blaspheming, and taking the name of the Lord in vain. It is hard to understand why people will let their tongues destroy their own souls, and think nothing or say nothing about the ungodly language of evil. People are often too ready to criticize the tongues that are given for a sign to the unbelieving, the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I would be ashamed and afraid to do so.

The Bible says, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not," 1 Cor. 14:22. Those of a fair mind, honest heart, and desire for understanding, should have no reason to doubt the Holy Ghost and tongues, after reading the second chapter of Acts. Only verses 2-4 are sufficient for that: "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began

to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Verses 12-17, "And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: for these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

Some say miracles and speaking in tongues were only in the days of the apostles. Let us see if they stop there. Verses 38, 39, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Does this read like the Holy Ghost and tongues stopped in the apostles' days? That would be inconsistent, for the Bible says, "There is no respect of persons with God," Romans 2:11, as the verse has just said, "even as many as the Lord our God shall call." The Lord is still calling, and people are still getting blessings, still receiving the Holy Ghost, and still speaking in tongues.

Now a few more words about untamed tongues. The cursing and blaspheming tongues of those who don't profess any religion are destroyers of their own souls, and that is too bad; but the most deceiving, undermining, and hurting tongues are those who profess salvation, and then gossip and criticize others. The Bible says, "If any among you seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain," James 1:26. This is not only self-soul murder,

committing suicide spiritually, but it murders and kills the influence of those who bear the criticism. This is one of the most soul-destroying practices in which church members can indulge. This practice may be responsible for the spiritual death of young converts and spiritually weak members of the church.

Who knows how many souls are offended and hindered from accepting Christ by the influence of someone being killed by the unpleasant, cruel gossiping of members? True, consecrated Christians will refrain from this practice. If we love, we will not criticize, and if we criticize, that's evidence that we hate, and the Bible says, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" 1 John 3:15. If there is any hate in our lives, these tongues are likely to betray us.

Some of us have the habit of saying, "Pray that God will help me bridle my tongue." What about that? God is always trying to help us, but when we bite and devour, fail to bridle our tongues, it is because we just won't let God help us. Requesting prayer is good, and we are commanded to pray one for another. I certainly like, and need the prayers of saints, but there are duties we are expected to do ourselves and when we are willing to do our duties God is always ready to help us. I think we ought to strive to become immune to dangerous criticism, have more peace and happiness on this earth, and, above all, have the assurance of eternal life. If we would only be obedient to one verse in the Bible we would hardly speak unpleasant words about others. The Golden Rule is, "Therefore all things whatsoever we would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets," Matthew 7:12. None of us like to be criticized with unpleasant gossiping, so use the Golden Rule. Sufficient Christian love will help us avoid this practice. Now after self-examination, let us see if we have this love for one another.

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you," St. John 15:12.

"But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use you," Luke 6:27.

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# The Sunday Morning Worship

By Glyndon Logsdon

We wish to deal with an outstanding fault that has been too conspicuous throughout our churches. The fact stated: Coming to Sunday School and then leaving before the morning worship, or just failing to come for either. We have a habit of pointing out the good things about ourselves. It has been a pleasant pastime. Today we approach to improve this one serious maladjustment. Think about it and let these lines provoke you to action and better results. It will be



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possible to observe something else very nice.

We all admit that going to Sunday School and leaving before the morning sermon is much better than not going to either. If going to Sunday School is a good thing, staying for the worship period is indeed a splendid act.

A crowd on Sunday morning inspires and anoints. The minister feels the uplift and the members lose the lonesome and worried feeling when they behold others in their pews. Your presence invites the best from the minister, for he knows you expect something. We recognize that a minister is expected to improve his congregation. A congregation on Sunday morning will contribute much to make the pastor a better preacher.

## WHEN ALL ARE PRESENT

1. They say to the preacher:

We prefer the Word of God—spoken by you—rather than the current radio broadcasts.

Other things could claim my attention and time—but nothing is more important than my place here on

Sunday morning.

2. It obligates the Holy Trinity.

3. It puts secondary things second.

## PURPOSE OF THE MORNING SERVICE To—

1. Promote spiritual progress.

2. Inspire saints.

3. Bind in closer fellowship the family of believers.

4. Attach an importance to Christian testimony.

5. Worship — the act supreme among Christians.

6. Acquire and maintain vitality for today's conflict.

7. Enrich, sanctify and beautify the Christian experience.

## WHEN YOU FAIL TO ATTEND, YOU SAY

1. Other things are more important.

2. No, thanks, I do not wish to hear your sermon.

3. Keep praying for me, pastor, but it will be difficult to help me.

4. I'm an example—too bad if others follow me.

5. My pastor is a poor preacher.

6. Our church is the "bunk" and contradicts what others have said—"Our church is the best in town."

## WHAT CAN A MINISTER DO ABOUT IT?

1. Preach the best sermon on Sunday morning.

2. Make everyone glad he was there; make others regret absence.

3. Remember a service isn't good because it is long.

4. Recognize the ministry of the Spirit—the Lord doesn't overlook a group of worshipers.

5. Don't forget that a few Holy-Ghost-directed services will have a greater appeal than many of our well-meant invitations to come.

## YOU ARE EXCUSED IF YOU BELONG IN THESE GROUPS:

1. Those who can't hear.

2. Those who are aged and the doctor advises against their being in a crowd.

3. Those who feel that under no circumstances another service could possibly benefit them.

4. Those who know their alibis are approved in heaven.

**MY APPEAL**—Let us talk about this in Sunday School classes, group and private conversations, from the pulpit and in every place where we can help. Let us gang up and defeat this spirit of emptiness that reduces us to apologies. We can gain another triumph, for we have learned to admit our weakness and eliminate them courageously. —Keystone Rays.

# Life Is What We Make It

By D. L. Baker

In the very outset of this subject, it suggests that which can be beautiful and filled with joy and happiness which comes to a true child of God. Life and happiness do not consist of amounts of money or possessions which we may have. Happiness is an inward experience and comes from the very life of man—his soul.

Too often, as young people face the realities of life, they meet problems that seem to be too great for them. Lack of experience and knowledge often causes them to make a step that affects their entire life. Then reviewing the mistakes made, they find it is too late to amend them. God bless those steady gray heads that so carefully and tenderly warn us of the danger ahead. Oh! that we had more God-fearing, God-loving guides to guide young steps aright. May we as young people **THINK, BE SLOW TO ACT,**

and **SURE OF EVERY MOVE.** The world is asking for more than mere form. We but have to look about us to see tragedy of every kind, on every hand. No wonder the world groans in pain for help.

In life, we are so often misunderstood, and as a result there is the loss of confidence, trust, and love. These are vital elements to the foundation of a healthy, happy nation, church, or home. Of these attributes of social and Christian character, love is the greatest. We use synthetic tires on our automobiles, synthetic pepper for our food, and substitute saccharin for sugar, but there is no substitute for love in the home, in the church, or in the nation. Where there is no love in the home there can be no home that will stand the storms of life.

Misunderstanding is one of the

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The one thought of the text, and that to which I want to confine myself for a few moments, is the apostle Paul's expression of "*past feeling*"; and I want to present it in just a few of the aspects in which it will be easiest for us to understand.

In the first place, perhaps, it will be necessary for us to get sensed with that doleful and melancholy picture it presents to our minds. Paul's letter to the Church of God at Ephesus was written in A. D. 64 and is one of his "prison epistles." It contains and sets forth the highest church truth, and the dangers of neglecting to walk in the light of the gospel.

We know there are some who apprehend a danger in failing to keep in the light, while many others seem to be sensed but very little with that danger. Now we should not object to anyone's being so awakened. Let the habit and history of his or her life up to this moment be what they might have been, we could not forbid that he or she should now look to the efficacy and the freeness of the gospel offer and therein rejoice. We know there is a peace where there is no peace; and better than this sleep of death, is the disturbance of loud and perpetual alarm, from which there might be no respite to the sinner, till forced to take himself to the effectual hiding place.

I have very often observed in preaching on this subject of feeling, that many have been visited with an alarming sense of danger and been long kept in a state of uneasiness and perplexity, and had much disquietness in their hearts, ere they found their way to that haven of rest in God. And this is the rising which takes place under the economy of the gospel. We are beseeched by the gentleness and meekness of Christ. In a little while, we may run to hide ourselves from the wrath of the Lamb.

There is no gospel hearer today who is not honestly exhorted to embrace the Son of God while He is in the way; but, along with the exhortation, he must also take the alternative that time is short and the way of reconciliation will soon be closed against him, and the Son of God, instead of being found in that way, will be seated on a throne of judgment, whence His wrath shall speedily begin to burn against all who have failed compliance with Him.

Why is it that many people feel so reckless and so bravely independent?

# PAST FEELING

By J. L. Thornhill



**Text:** "*Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness,*" Ephesians 4:19.



Is it not because they have set at naught the authority of the gospel? Now I do sincerely and honestly hope that this sense of my theme is not, and never will be, applicable to any of us. Such appalling cases as this given in our text is very sickening and alarming. They are the terrific examples of what human depravity can work out when man is simply given up to himself. The inebriate, who sits around the gambling table till the morning sun looks in to reproach; the poor gambler, who after years of prison experience, still plots his deeds of darkness; the ruffian, the poor outcast child of shame, who vents his vileness and makes merchandise of human souls—all these are but sad and doleful spectacles for men to tremble at, and for pitying cherubim to weep over. They illustrate much more fully the callousness of the heart after it has become *past feeling*.

It was to such persons, significantly styled, that the apostle Paul referred to in this passage of scripture before us. He has been exhorting the Ephesians to holiness of heart and life. As a warning, he points to the dangers of heathenism round about them. Those people had already debauched their own good moral senses. He makes a signal of the godless Gentiles who "walked in the vanity of their mind," whose "understanding was darkened," who were alienated from the life of God. They had given themselves over to the tyranny and rule of lust, to "work all uncleanness with greediness." They had become so *insensible* to their guilt that Paul earmarked

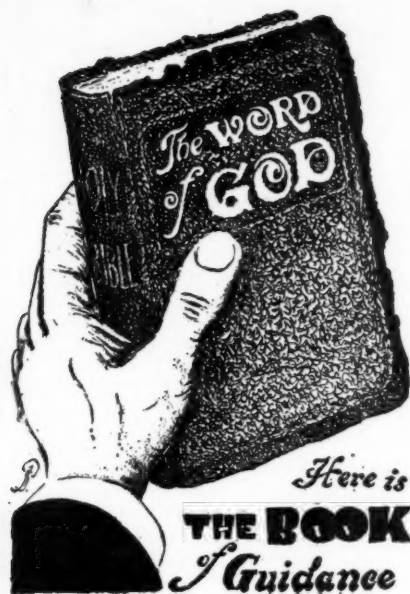
them with the fatal epithet, *Past Feeling*.

There is, however, a sense in which the awe-inspiring words of this text may apply to many of us—some at least. I refer to that insensibility of religious truth by which many have very often grieved the Holy Ghost. This is a very tremendous and alarming calamity. Men, many, many times, have steeled themselves against the convicting efforts of the Holy Spirit in moving upon them to repent. It is much worse, still, from the fact that its prisoned victim is insensible to his own insensibility.

In thinking on this subject, as I have for some time, I am reminded just now of Philip Henry's advice to his daughter: "If you would keep warm in the cold season (January, 1692), take these four directions: 1. Get into the sun. 2. Go near the fire. 'Is not my word like a fire?' How many cheering passages are there! 3. Keep in motion and action—stirring up the grace and gift of God which is in you. 4. Seek Christian communion. How can one be warmed alone?"

The crying and pressing concern of all of us should be that God help us to keep our right and good moral senses in this fast and apostatizing age. We feel now, but we are not to be content with our feelings. Merely shedding tears has never saved anyone; the chasm of immensity is audible with the wails of the weepers.

Our good Book does not say, "Feel and be saved." To the contrary, it says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"; and



faith is not enough without action. Listen to a quotation from a sermon preached by St. Eloy in the seventh century: "It is not enough, most dearly beloved, for you to have faith only, and to have received the name of a Christian, if you do not do Christian works . . . love your neighbors as yourselves. What you would desire to be done to you by others, that do you to them. What you would not have done to you, do to no one. Before all things have charity, for charity covereth a multitude of sins; be hospitable, humble, meek, casting your care upon God, for He careth for you; visit the sick; seek out the captives; receive strangers; feed the hungry; clothe the naked and destitute; set at naught the soothsayers and magicians; let your weights and measures be fair, your balances just, your bushels and your pints honest. . . ."

The whole world is questing for honest, truthful, trustworthy men who cannot be bought or bribed. Men and women have become so lascivious, so impure and empty, so lustful and greedy, it is no wonder hell is being enlarged and opening its mouth without measure. To be sure, we need men who are honest, truthful, and faithful like Paul and the other good men of the long ago.

We preach sometimes on "Where Is the Lord God of Paul?" But it is not He who is missing, it is Paul himself. When there comes forth from today's harvest of faithless—as I am sure

there will—prayerless, visionless, senseless, trustless, and hopeless churchmen, a person with the heart, ambition, and urge of Paul, then shall be wrought in today's world Paul-like miracles. Truly the world is very fast becoming a seared, conscienceless, and past feeling world. Let me give you a quotation from a sermon preached back yonder in the sixteenth century by a wonderful saint of God: "I once entered a little humble farm cottage-home, on a very chilly December morning, and spent two hours in personal conversation with its family. The superannuated father of the family, in his ninety-sixth year, a most kind and amiable man, followed me to the door and stopped me on the porch. He took me by the hand, and most dolefully and deliberately remarked, 'I thank you for this visit, and hope it will not be the last. As you have just begun your labor among us, I wish to give you a word of advice, based on my own conviction and experience. *Let us old people alone* and devote your labors to the youth of the country. Forty-five years ago, I was very greatly anxious about my soul; many were then converted, but I was not one of them. During the ministry of Mr. Sam Jones many, many more were converted, but I was not one of them. And now for years, I have not had a *single feeling* on the subject! I know I am a lost sinner; I know I can only be saved through Jesus Christ; I feel persuaded that when I die *I will be lost!* I believe all you preach, but feel it no more than if I were a block of stone. I expect to live and die, just as I am. So leave us to ourselves and our sins, and give your strength and labor to the work of saving the *young* for I am *past feeling* now.'" Isn't this a sad and heart-rending expression?

Occasionally, a person like this man can be found who will frankly confess his "insensibility" to all that is most wholesome and precious to a saint, to all that is startling and awe-inspiring to a sinner. There is not far from any of us, even though we live to be old, that hidden certainty of death. Perhaps I am speaking to some now to whom I shall never speak again. I declare the gospel that it addresses itself directly to our feelings, which, for the most part, are instantly awakened by kindness and beneficence. Our sympathies, which are readily called into exercise, shall soon begin to respond

to the love and compassion of our benevolent Creator.

Again at this time I am reminded of what the poet said, and I quote:

"The storms of life rush madly,  
And it seems I cannot stand;  
Then I long to hear my Savior,  
And I need His guiding hand.

"There He stands amid the tempest—  
'Tis I, be not afraid';  
But I am weighted down with trials  
That should at His feet be laid.

"In human weakness I seem  
To only see His face;  
When I would go to meet Him there  
High waves about me race.

"He bids me, 'Come,' with outstretched arm,  
The seas calm at His will;  
He grasps my hand and to me now  
He whispers, 'Peace be still.'

"My hand in His, now waves may roll,  
But peace has come to me;  
I only feel the quiet calm  
With such a friend as He."

The Holy Spirit deals with no two hearts exactly alike. Some He opens with the touch of His gentle love; while others He opens with His alarming judgments. God will save just as He pleases. Let us see to it that we do not parley and question and tamper until the Holy Ghost abandons us to become *past feeling*.

In conclusion, let us remember that in the beautiful world to come, no one can be indifferent, no one shall be insensible, no one shall ever become *past feeling*. So the precious divine Spirit of God continues to strive with men, and under those strong pressures of divine truth, and uprisings of conscience and wooing of the Holy Ghost, men are persuaded and constrained to keep pressing onward and upward toward that land of more perfect day. Men of this type and character, and thus inclined, I do not say you are *past feeling*. God only knows your future. But honestly and candidly, I say unto you, that there have been cases in which men so hardened themselves against conviction that they were left, like Lot's wife, statues of wrath! The very thought of this is a dagger to our souls. Was not that a dreadful moment to you when you were compelled to enter that chamber wherein lay sick and dying that best friend you had in the world, and broke to him that sad and fatal

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J. STEWART BRINSFIELD  
Executive Missions Secretary



### A GREAT NEED IN GERMANY

*The article below was taken from a letter sent to the Missions Department and helps us to see the great need in Germany. Pray and give that these people might have life and light.*

When we saw in the MACEDONIAN CALL the news that Brother and Sister Kluzit had come to France, it made our hearts rejoice. We want to see the Church of God established in Europe. Oh, how we long to see the Church of God come in old time power. This apostate, so-called Christianity which denies the power and glory of the Lord, will be spued out of His mouth. Now I want to say that the food packages you have sent by the American Committee for the Relief of German Needy, Inc., were a great help. They have stopped coming. We need no cash, but we surely would appreciate it if you could send some fat for cooking.

We have some very nice young people in Germany. Wherever we are established we go on the streets and sing as none over here sings. Our young people are on fire for the Lord and you should see them testify for the Lord on the streets. The Church of God is talked about all around. There are good and bad reports. Some say we are of the devil because they can not understand the power of God. We are taking the land for our Lord.

We want to give you some information as to how some of the people live in Germany.

The mother of one family was recently converted in our meetings. They now live in the country, Albershausen near Goppingen, Wurtzburg, U. S. Zone. About three years ago they were living in the city of Pforzheim, U. S. Zone. The father was killed in the last war. One night they were bombed out, leaving them with nothing more than what they had on

their bodies. The poor widow, with her three children, is living now in Albershausen. They have only a small kitchen and one room. No furniture, just poorly made bedsteads and a table and chairs. They hardly have enough clothes to change and a very small income. Their small potato ration was frozen in the cold winter. We took them some fat and clothing from our good Church of God people in the U. S. A. How thankful they were, you cannot imagine.

Many other families are just as much in need of food as this one.

Here is a list of the rations that the grown people in Germany received in the month of April, 1947. This is the list that was given officially in the newspaper:

Bread—12 pounds  
Meat—3 pounds  
Cheese—1 pound, 5 ounces  
Fat—7 ounces  
Skim milk—3 quarts  
Sugar—18 ounces  
Potatoes—27 pounds  
Coffee (imitation)—7 ounces

If the good Lord puts it on the hearts of our people to send us some fat, this would do so much good. May God bless everyone who helps the brethren and sisters in need. This is what is needed most.

—In the field white unto harvest for the Church of God,  
Brother and Sister Lauster.

Dear Evangel Readers,

I am glad again to be able to send a report of our quarterly meeting which took place on Sunday, July 13. As is our custom, we commenced the day's activities with a baptismal service which was attended by a large crowd of witnesses. After the singing of several songs, an inspiring message on "The Ordinance of Baptism" was given by Elder M. B. Prettyjohn, after which Elder Gentles performed the ceremony of baptizing in water

the eighteen believers who came to practice the Word.

The Steel Shed in the Queen's Park had been secured for the meeting, which began at 10:30 A. M. with a great song and praise service. The reports from the three districts were read. They were very encouraging and showed good progress in a number of the assemblies. The reports show that in the Island of Barbados, there were 114 souls saved for the quarter and 120 sought the blessing of a clean heart, and five received the Holy Ghost. This does not include over 400 seekers in the meetings conducted when Bishop Carl J. Hughes was here in June.

Notwithstanding the hard times we are passing through, our people have shown their interest in our building program. Evangelist R. B. Hawkins and her faithful band of willing workers have had the Bank Hall church painted both inside and out. Now it looks brand-new. They raised all the money, \$279.55, and there is no debt left on the church. Altogether there has been raised for our buildings during the quarter, the sum of \$590.01 for building programs.

Good reports keep coming in from both St. Kitts and St. Martin. In St. Kitts during the quarter a building was bought, and removed to a spot we had leased. Dear ones, continue to pray for us here in this far-away corner of your mission field.—J. B. Winter, Overseer, Barbados.

### REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

#### Special Bulletin from Maryland

The Maryland camp meeting and convention is over, with the greatest crowds and interest ever. The mission offering amounted to \$5,000, and the orphanage offering was \$1,000. Twenty received the Holy Ghost and seventeen were added to the Church. Maryland is moving on.—O. C. Crank, state overseer.

#### Good News From Eldorado

We bring good news from the Church of God at Eldorado, Ill. Four were baptized Sunday, July 20, and one united with the church. The Lord is truly blessing in our services and we are enjoying sweet fellowship with Him. We are proud of our pastor, Rev. V. B. Rains, and his splendid family. Great things are expected in the future here, as faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen.—Louise Clark, reporter.

# REQUESTS... for Prayer

## PRAY FOR:

A very urgent request; healing for me and daughter.—Mrs. Lewis Cummings.

God to heal Willie Durr, Brookhaven, Miss. Healing for Mrs. Mary Wartham; that we might have a soul-stirring revival at Warrenton, N. C.

God to heal my eyes and throat.—Miss Estelle Reeves, Sikeston, Mo.

The Lord to change things in our home; my brother-in-law to be saved; my mother to be healed.—Mattie Bell.

A special request.—Mrs. Howard Blankenship, Freeburn, Ky.

Healing for my son in Japan, who has rheumatic fever.—Mrs. W. J. Peoples, Lake Placid, Fla.

My complete healing; my mother and brothers to be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Eleanor Faust, Scalp Level, Pa.

God to save my husband, son and family; a young girl who attends our church, who is deep in sin; the Lord to bless my daughter and family and heal her body; complete healing for Sister McLendon. She is going through hard trials because of her unsaved family.—Mrs. Mattie Ranew, Langley, S. C.

God to save me, I feel so brokenhearted; an unspoken request.—Miss Bessie Lee, Princeton, N. C.

Healing for my niece, Mrs. Melvin Hicks.—Miss Myrtle Whitehead.

The Lord to heal me of high blood pressure and a weak heart; my husband and children to be saved, my sisters and brothers; that I might get closer to the Lord and do His will.—Mrs. Mary Parson, Sanford, N. C.

A brother who is in serious trouble.—Mrs. Lennis Burnett, Brownfield, Texas.

The Lord to heal me of a cancer. I am a member of the Church of God and have trusted the Lord for thirty years.—E. A. Pitts, Thomaston, Ga.

My healing of high blood pressure and heart trouble, and other complications. My whole body is afflicted.—Hennitta Johnson, Ages, Ky.

A lady who is in a serious condition and isn't saved.—Eunice Colkmire, Dover, Fla.

Mrs. Coratt, who is in a very serious condition and desires to be healed and saved.—Mrs. C. O. Coratt, Charleston, S. C.

God to heal me of pleurisy.—Theodore Bryant, Columbus, Ohio.

Healing for my limb.—Mrs. Ida Mos Link, Alabama City, Ala.

My healing of acute indigestion.—Iva Lee King, Brooksville, Fla.

My healing of a stroke of paralysis.—Mrs. J. W. Beasley, White Stone, Ga.

God to come on the scene in two very urgent unspoken requests.—Mrs. W. D. Stiles, Miami, Fla.

My healing.—Mary Magdalene Show, Conehatta, Miss.

My healing of nervousness.—Mrs. E. H. Parker, Blacksburg, S. C.

The Lord to heal me of a severe kidney trouble.—Mrs. Lloyd Young, Dawsonville, Ga.

Healing for Lorena Randall, Wheeler, Miss.

A very urgent request.—Lora Gibson, Strawn, Texas.

My nephew's wife, who is mentally sick; also my nephew, who is backslidden.—Mrs. J. C. Atkins, Lamesa, Texas.

The Lord to heal me of an affliction; my little girl, eleven years old, who can't walk or talk.—Lebbie Denbin, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Me; healing of my husband; God's will to be done.—Mrs. Albert Lewis, Route 3, Williamson, N. C.

My husband to give up tobacco; that God will save him before it is too late; that I will be provided with some way to attend church; my mother, who is a widow with two little girls and has to move, with no place to which to move.—Mrs. B. W., North Carolina.

My unsaved boy, who is in trouble and, I fear, is running from God; my other eight unsaved children.—B. C. Blanton, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Healing of my body and that I will be filled with the Holy Spirit; my unsaved children.—Mrs. Willie Childers, Keysville, Va.

My son and his wife need help from the Lord.—A friend.

Me, I need your help. My burdens are so heavy. God knows all about it.—A sister.

My husband to be saved and healed; me to receive the Holy Ghost; my six children to be saved; one of my boys who in the army and needs the Lord; one who is behind the bars, to be saved and soon come home. He got with the wrong crowd. I haven't seen him for two years.—Anna Keel, Bozoo, W. Va.

My husband, who has high blood pressure and leakage of the heart; my healing; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Leona Fadgett, Woodlawn, Va.

Me, that I might have faith to be healed. I am in a serious condition.—Mrs. Ida Wolfe, Bremen, Ala.

Two very urgent unspoken requests; me to have a closer walk with the Lord.—Mrs. Josephine Stiles, Miami, Fla.

Me, I am in a very serious condition.—A believer.

Me to be healed. I am a cripple.—Mary Ritz, Oak Hill, W. Va.

Healing and spiritual strength for Mrs. Tobie Morris; her backslidden husband and son; the Lord to restore peace and joy in the home; my loved ones.—Mrs. Carrie H. Waters, Sylvania, Ga.

A special unspoken request; the salvation and healing of a friend; my sister's baby, seven months old. Unless the Lord undertakes, it can't last long—doesn't take its food.—Lillie Mooney, Galax, Va.

My healing. Recently I have had a severe attack of gallstones.—Sister Byna Buchanan, Warriormine, W. Va.

A special unspoken request.—Nora Coleman, Freeburn, Ky.

A special unspoken request; that I might be drawn closer to the Lord.—A reader.

My daughter, who has a very serious head trouble and nervousness; my sister, who has bronchial asthma.—Mrs. T. W. Kimbrell, Jacksonville, Ala.

My healing of swollen joints, which are very painful.—Mr. George.

Complete healing for my body.—Mrs. C. R. Rochell, Hobe Sound, Fla.

My healing of high blood pressure; recently I have been in severe pain, I also have hard-

ening of the arteries.—Mrs. Minnie Man-kins, Electra, Texas.

My husband, who is in a serious condition. It is believed he has cancer of the stomach.—Bessie Jones, Knoxville, Tenn.

Healing of my right arm, which seems to be paralyzed. I can't use it at all.—E. F. Crain, Kansas City, Mo.

A very urgent special request; my healing.—Louise Barnes, Cheshire, Ohio.

That the Lord will undertake for me. I have been going through a severe trial for some time.—A sister, Blacksburg, S. C.

Healing for my body; the Lord to strengthen me spiritually.—Mrs. Claude Richardson, Ramhurst, Ga.

God to heal me of gallbladder trouble and other ailments and that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. P. G. Roden, Weathersby, Miss.

My son to be healed of arthritis.—A sister in Christ, Williamsburg, Pa.

My husband and son to be saved; a lady who is very sick, that she might be saved and healed.—A sister in Jesus, Jonas Ridge, N. C.

My husband to become a Christian; that I might be strengthened in the Lord.—Mrs. Robert Harg.

A very urgent request, that the will of God might be done in my life and everything will be worked out to His glory.—Daisy Hinger.

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# REVIVALS

**WEYANOKE, Va.** — We had a very successful two weeks' revival, with the pastor, Brother R. A. Fielden, his wife, Brother Ben Woodring, and Brother Earl McBride doing the preaching. Each message was under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost and was food for the Christians and a warning for the sinners. Fifteen were saved, ten sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen baptized in water, and five added to the church. Among these were two elderly men who had never belonged to any church before. We thank the Lord for the older people who will take their stand for the great Church of God and its teachings.

The revival closed with a homecoming filled with many good blessings from the Lord. We raised more than \$200 on our new church building. We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here and for our good pastor and his wife, who are doing a great work for the Lord and His Church.—C. J. Norris, clerk.

**METAMORA, Ind.** — We recently closed one of the best revivals in ten years, which continued three weeks, with the altar full of seekers and everything going good. Sister Mattie McIntosh, of Franklin, Ohio, did the preaching. There were twenty-four saved, seven sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve baptized in water. We thank the Lord for the great manifestation of His Spirit and for the way the Word was delivered with power.—Mrs. Nannie Terman.

**COOLEEMEE, N. C.** — We have just closed a two weeks' revival here in Cooleemee, with Brother S. T. Luke as the evangelist. He is a real man of God and did some wonderful preaching each evening. Three were sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. All the saints were greatly blessed. Pray for our church to be a real soul-saving station for God.—Mrs. Jessie Miller, clerk.

**RIDGELY, Tenn.** — We have had a ten nights' revival, with Brother Horace Chapman as evangelist. Five

were saved, three sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. On the following Sunday, fourteen were baptized in water and six added to the church. Pray that our little church here in the Turner Town Community will grow.—Mrs. Minnie E. Ball, clerk.

**PRINCETON, N. C.** — The Church of God of Princeton conducted a two weeks' revival in June, which brought great results. Brother C. V. Bryant, of Lenoir, N. C., was the evangelist. We believe him to be a real man of God and feel sure you who are planning a revival soon would be benefited by having him at your services. Six were saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and seven added to the church. Everyone is invited to visit us at Princeton. We have a good pastor, Brother Frank Bradshaw, of Erwin, N. C. Pray that our church might grow and be a soul-saving station for those who seek the Lord.—Annie Daughtery, clerk.

## LOUISIANA REVIVALS

**NEW ORLEANS, La.** — Reports a wonderful revival. There were twelve saved and sanctified, ten received the Holy Ghost, eleven united with the church, and twelve followed the Lord in water baptism. This revival was the best the writer ever attended. Brother Earl Brewer was the evangelist; he preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The saints were made to rejoice in the glory of the Lord. We especially enjoyed the singing by Brother Brewer's three daughters, also Sister Brewer's wonderful testimonies.

Our new church isn't finished but we are looking to God to lead us on. We praise God for our pastor, Rev. O. L. McManus, and family. They are precious saints of God and have been a blessing to the church. Pray for us, that our church will be a lighthouse for lost souls and for the cause of Christ.—Ethel Peterson, reporter.

**SHADY GROVE, La.** — During this four weeks' revival God gave us seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, twelve

sanctified, eighteen saved, ten baptized in water, and nine added to the church.

The revival was conducted by three young ladies from our Bible Training School and College at Sevierville, Tennessee. Two of them, Sister Evelyn Foreman and Sister Helen McManus, are Louisiana girls and are members of the Dunn church. Sister Key is from North Carolina and is a member of the Concord, N. C., Church of God. These are consecrated workers and will bless your church.—A. T. Allen, pastor.

**KENTWOOD, La.** — The Kentwood Church of God has just closed one of its greatest revivals in the history of the church. Beginning June 1 and continuing through June 30, Brother Jady Wright and wife labored with us faithfully. Brother Wright preached the Word with power and uncompromisingly.

The final count was twenty-five saved, eighteen sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-two baptized in water, and seventeen added to the church.

**WILLISBURG, Ky.** — We have just closed a five weeks' tent revival with Rev. R. E. Lovelle, district overseer, and Rev. Charles E. Lockard, of Louisville, Ky., as the evangelists. They did some wonderful preaching. We thank them for bringing us in the Church of God. God blessed in a wonderful way and the Holy Ghost worked mightily in every service, convicted the unsaved of their sins and brought them to the altar. Seventeen were saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen baptized in water.

A church was set in order with twenty-six members and four more were added later. A Sunday School and Y. P. E. were organized with our first attendance one hundred and thirty-eight. We plan to build a church immediately. Rev. R. E. Lovelle is our pastor.—Mrs. Ola Hood.

**VALLEY FORGE, Tenn.** — I wish to praise the Lord for the way He is blessing. We have just closed a three weeks' revival which was the best in the history of the church. Twenty-one were saved, fifteen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and thirteen added to the church. The church was greatly blessed. Rev. Cecil Hayes, of Johnson City, was our evangelist. Brother Hayes is a wonderful preacher and one that anyone will do well to have for a revival.—R. L. Sifford, pastor.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

## PAST FEELING

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truth, that his physician had given him up as past recovery?

Oh, turning ourselves around from this doleful picture, let us set ourselves without delay to forsake every evil way and cast away from us every thought that would lead us captive to sin, and use our utmost endeavors, through the assistance of divine grace, to get a work of real lasting sanctification deep down in our souls. Let us be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God; and especially let us abound, as far as we have ability and opportunity, in acts of charity and mercy, that we may lay up a good foundation for the time to come, and lay hold of eternal life. And thus having the foundation rightly laid by a true conversion of the soul, and an unreserved dedication of ourselves to God through the Redeemer, let it be our great care to keep our souls in a constant readiness for Jesus' second coming. Let us keep ourselves wide awake and our lamps burning. The rapture is soon to be a reality. Heaven is alive with emotion. Listen with the ear of faith and you can hear the distant shouts of the blessed as they swell up in melodies celestial.

My principal reason, therefore, in the contemplations raised by this subject, has been to start some understanding of ourselves, and to have our senses awakened and exercised to a realization of the fact that it is a dangerous thing to neglect salvation. It is a tragedy. Much more could be said, but I must bring my subject to a close.

I should do you a wrong to close without directing your minds forward to those anticipations of the future, which it so vividly suggests. And here is the point where our future dawns upon us, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we do know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." Oh, the joy which awaits the faithful on the other side of the sunset! Look yonder and you will see the mighty multitudes before the throne of God. You will catch one outburst of celestial melody. We shall behold the glorious shower of golden crowns spread before the feet of one "Majestic Being." The home of the redeemed, we are told, is a home of beauty and rapture. Amen. In the other home,

the home of the unsaved, it is different. "There shall be weeping there." The worm shall never die. The world of darkness will be a world of sorrow and despair. Lord, help us to keep our right *FEELINGS*. Amen.

## HERE AND THERE IN STATE CONVENTIONS

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seemed to be the order of the day. The meeting was held at the Pentecostal Holiness Campground and sometimes you did not know one from the other, such harmony and unity was among the two groups. Brother J. H. Hughes, the state overseer, moderated in such a kind way that he seemed to hold the esteem of the ministers and laity of both groups.

The reports showed a good increase in every department, I believe. Many were saying this camp meeting and convention was the best yet for California. There is a great opportunity in this state for the Church of God.

## TONGUES HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD

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"Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law," Romans 13:12.

"For all the law is in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," Galatians 5:14.

This article is not written to knock anyone, but is written through obedience and love to God and to the people. Every saint pray for me.

**He Is Able to Save and Heal**  
NORTHFORK, W. Va.—I extend my thanks to God and all those who prayed for the healing of my brother. He has greatly improved. Pray that God will save my unsaved loved ones. We know He is able to save and heal.—A sister in Christ, Julia Baker.

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and never got anything but another dip of snuff until I made a complete surrender to God. I put everything on the altar and, glory to God, He set me free! When God sets us free, we are free indeed. He took all the crave for that filthy stuff away and I have never wanted any since. God delivered me three years ago. I shouted so much some thought I was a fanatic, but, praise God, I had something for which to shout. I was saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost! I'm still shouting the victory.

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I thank Him for taking care of our two sons while in the Service and for bringing them safely home.

I love Him and want to serve Him better each day. Please pray that our unsaved loved ones will get salvation before it is too late. Pray for me, that I might always do His will.—Mrs. U. D. Tidwell, 2519 Trunk St.

**Write—**

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devil's instruments, and seems to be easier used on Christians than anything he has. I often wonder if we really know the person we call Mary, John, or Lorene. Or, do we know them as we try our best to see them through a vale that seems to cover the real person? Many hearts have beat heavily, and something inside just seemed to hurt, because a husband or wife had misunderstood and love seemed to grow cold, and could scarcely be found at all. The home is a beautiful institution, with God's blessings and approval, when it is founded on a foundation of TRUE and PURE love. Life is as beautiful as we make it, so, young people, let us think clearly, be sure in every dissuasion, and ask God to direct our lives. God bless the youth of our land.

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